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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Lands,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Land and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1886/58 of 31st October 2014, which were presented on 17.03.2015, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4399/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land belongs to the Land Reform Commission that is administered by the District Forest Officer's Office in Kandy;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Pines and other trees have been cultivated by the Department of Forest Conservation in those lands; and
 - (iii) the extent of land in which such trees have been cultivated?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) certain individuals have illegally encroached those lands in which trees have been cultivated by the Department of Forest Conservation; and
 - (ii) a portion of those lands have been given to the people by the government?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the extent of land in which people have illegally settled and given to the people by the government, out of the forest lands mentioned in (a) (iii) above;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that catchment areas get destroyed owing to the use of forest reserves by the people; and
 - (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to avoid this from happening?
- (d) If not, why?

4773/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether local purchase of pharmaceuticals has been permitted as a remedy for the shortage of drugs in hospitals;
 - (ii) of the procedure of calling for bids for the aforesaid purchases;
 - (iii) whether there is a procedure for comparing the aforesaid prices with those of the Medical Supplies Division; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry is aware of the malpractices that have taken place with regard to purchase of pharmaceuticals by the Peradeniya General Hospital;
- (b) If not, why?

5245/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay the farmers' pension (which has been implemented with effect from 11.10.1995) to the spouse or the dependents of persons who had been receiving the pension at the time of their death with effect from 01.01.2014; and
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for not doing so?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the persons who became eligible for the pension by paying a lump sum of Rs. 3,400/- at the age of twenty seven years in 1987; the persons who became eligible for the pension by paying a lump sum of Rs. 5,740/- at the age of forty five years in 2010; and the persons who have continued to pay a sum of Rs. 175/- as the bi-annual premium starting at the age of twenty seven years in 1987 are expected to pay an additional sum of money to be able to receive the pension as per the new scheme that was launched with effect from 01.01.2014; and
 - (ii) if so, separately the amount of money to be paid by the relevant individuals in terms of each of the aforesaid scenarios?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5870/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Casino Gaming businesses are run in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the period in which the aforesaid Casino Gaming businesses have been commenced;
 - (iii) of the number of Casino Gaming premises available in the country at present; and
 - (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid business premises are run?
- (b) If not, why?

5899/'15

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount of money, allocated for education in the year 2015;
 - (ii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the gross domestic product; and
 - (iii) the year in which 6% of gross domestic product, could be allocated for the education?
- (b) If not, why?

5916/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, — To ask the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of Catholic churches, Hindu temples and mosques that have come under the search scrutiny of the police or other security sections based on political or any other grounds after the presidential election that was held on 08.01.2015; and
 - (ii) separately, on the basis of Catholic, Hindu and Muslim religious place, of the names, addresses, and the telephone numbers of each of the aforesaid religious places that have come under such search and the date and the reason for such search?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

4534/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who have been paid the allowance of Rs. 5000.00 as per the proposal of the 2013 budget to grant such an allowance for those who lost their jobs at the 1980 July strike and have hitherto not received any relief; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government as of now to grant this allowance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the procedure adopted regarding the payment of the said benefit to the relevant beneficiaries of those July strikers who had already died without receiving any benefit at the time the proposal in (a)(i) above came into effect; and
 - (ii) the procedure to be adopted by a person who has thus far not received any relief after losing the job at the 1980 July strike, to receive the above allowance?
- (c) If not, why?

4778/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of hospitals that come under the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine;
 - (ii) of the number of hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils;
 - (iii) whether the programmes in the Budget 2012 to uplift the standards of the hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils have been implemented; and
 - (iv) whether he is aware that under the aforesaid programmes the Provincial Councils have distributed unwanted equipment to the hospitals that come under them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, with respect to each province the amount of money allocated to provincial hospitals under the above programme in (a) (iii)?
- (c) If not, why?

5575/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the Ayurveda Act currently in operation was introduced;
 - (ii) the number of instances the said Act was amended by now;
 - (iii) the year in which it was last amended; and
 - (iv) if the said Act has hitherto not been amended, the reason for same?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ayurveda medical graduates are designated as medical officers or medical professionals; and
 - (ii) the reason for them being so designated?
- (c) If not, why?

5871/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many concessions were granted to the people under the 100-day programme; and
 - (ii) an additional expenditure had to be borne for that purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to amend the proposals in the budget passed in the year 2014 to bear the abovementioned additional expenditure; and
 - (ii) if not, the measures taken to earn the additional money?
- (c) If not, why?

4538/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that a proposal was made through the budget proposals of the year 2013 to establish two new Foreign Employment Technical Colleges where special courses will be conducted to upgrade the skills of the Sri Lankans who migrate for employment make it easier for them to get adapted to the social and cultural environments of their destination countries;
 - (ii) of the locations in which the aforesaid two colleges have been established;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been invested on it;
 - (iv) of the areas of employment for which training is provided in the aforesaid colleges; and
 - (v) of the number of 'Rataviruwas' who have been trained in the aforesaid colleges and migrated for employment?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

4781/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a price control is in effect in the island at present in respect of medicinal drugs;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a price control process had been in operation in Sri Lanka some time ago;
 - (iii) if so, whether he will state the specific period during which this price control had been in operation;
 - (iv) as to how many varieties of drugs had been subjected to price control during that period; and
 - (v) whether the Committee that has been appointed for controlling prices of medicinal drugs has given its recommendations pertaining to it?
- (b) If not, why?

5576/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who had applied when applications were called to provide employment to graduates in 2012; and
 - (ii) of that number, the number that was provided with employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were without employment as at 31.12.2011;
 - (ii) whether a scheme was in place to provide them with employment in 2012;
 - (iii) if so, what that scheme was; and
 - (iv) the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were provided with employment under that scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5872/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the secondary school programme has been initiated to uplift the rural education system of the country; and
 - (ii) some schools, though suitable to be included in the said programme, have been left out?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Kuli/ Nakkawatta Mahinda Central College and Kuli/ Weerapokuna Maha Vidyalaya will be considered as schools that should be included in the secondary school programme; and
 - (ii) If so, whether action will be taken to include those two schools as well in the secondary school programme eliminating the injustice caused to the pupils studying in the two said schools?
- (c) If not, why?

5913/'15

Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) several ministries that were in operation earlier including the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Productivity Promotion have been abolished and the functions that were carried out by the Development Officers who were attached to the aforementioned ministries have been suspended;
 - (ii) thousands of officers are currently languishing without any duty as a result of this;
 - (iii) the allowance that was paid to them by the government for maintaining offices, too, has been cancelled;
 - (iv) as a result, they have had to leave the office buildings that were used by them on lease basis; and
 - (v) public property that were provided to the aforesaid offices are now unprotected as a result of this?
 - (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps that will be taken with regard to facts mentioned in (a) above;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid officers will be employed in a productive duty within the 100 days in keeping with the pledge that is mentioned in the 100 day programme to the effect that the Development Officers that are currently employed at the aforementioned ministries and the graduates that were recruited will be absorbed into the public service and that a promotion scheme will be introduced;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, April 22, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4589/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that a promise was given before the Presidential Election of the year 2010 to grant a pension to “Rata Viruwo (Migrant Heroes)”, who have gone abroad for employment?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed for granting a pension to “migrant heroes”;
 - (ii) of the manner in which contributions are made by the “migrant heroes”, by the establishment at which they work and by the government separately in providing “migrant heroes” with a pension;
 - (iii) of the amount intended to be paid monthly as the pension; and
 - (iv) what other countries in the world pay a pension to those engaged in jobs overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

4783/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, separately in respect of each year from the year 2005-2013—
 - (i) the number of persons who were killed by wild elephant attacks within the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the number of wild elephants that were killed due to human activities in that district; and
 - (iii) the number of wild elephants died in the whole island?
- (b) If not, why?

5873/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) our country receives a huge amount of foreign exchange through the expatriate workers;
 - (ii) Sri Lankans are employed in Korea by now?

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(b) Will she state—

- (i) whether Sri Lankan workers have received employment opportunities in Korea in the year 2015;
- (ii) if so, the number of such employment opportunities; and
- (iii) if such employment opportunities have not been received by now, whether speedy action would be taken to secure them?

(c) If not, why?

4784/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the measures adopted for minimizing the number of human lives lost in the island because of wild elephants;
- (ii) whether an awareness exists regarding the overall length of electrical fencing (elephant fence) necessary for the whole island in order to be saved from wild elephants;
- (iii) if so, how much is necessary;
- (iv) what is the length of electrical fencing necessary for the Kurunegala District; and
- (v) whether money has been allocated from this year's Budget for erecting the electric fence?

(b) If not, why?

4813/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Vehicles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that has been registered under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, is currently engaged in a business of assembling and selling vehicles in Free Trade Zone and their customers are shown a letter that has been issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic to the effect that the vehicles that are purchased from the aforesaid company will be registered within a period of one month;
- (ii) but, however, the Department of Motor Traffic turns down the registration of vehicles sold by the aforesaid company; and
- (iii) for that reason, a large number of buyers who have purchased motor vehicles from the aforesaid company have been inconvenienced a great deal, being unable to run their vehicles ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether the facilities will be provided to register the vehicles that have been purchased from Vehicles Lanka (Pvt)., Ltd, in the Department of Motor Traffic?

(c) If not, why?

5874/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people have great faith in our judicial system;
 - (ii) people aggrieved in various ways apply for judicial relief; and
 - (iii) people have been subjected to severe pressure due to great delays in certain judicial processes?
- (b) Will he state whether speedy steps would be taken to minimize the delays that take place in the judicial process and grant relief to the people?
- (c) If not, why?

4819/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained by the Air Force on hire basis are used by the senior officers of the Air Force for their private use; and
 - (ii) fuel for the said vehicles is obtained from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have consented to the use of air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained on hire basis for the private use of the senior officers;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been held regarding such use of vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the results of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

5223/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total number of accredited banks in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of assets in each of the said banks; and
 - (ii) the amount of credit granted by each of the said banks to the government?

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- (c) Will he inform this House whether there is a system to recover the loans granted by the said banks to the government?
- (d) If not, why?

5880/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that steps were taken to provide an assistance of Rs. 20,000/= to a pregnant mother?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of child births that take place in Sri Lanka per year approximately;
 - (ii) of the amount of funds that have been allocated for the above mentioned assistance provided to pregnant mothers during the year 2015;
 - (iii) of the methodology according to which pregnant mothers are selected to be provided with the assistance?
- (c) If not, why?

5934/'15

Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa,—To ask the Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land owned by the Katharagama Devala;
 - (ii) whether those lands have been provided to individuals or companies on lease or under some other scheme;
 - (iii) if such provision has been done, whether a list containing the name of the relevant individual or company and the extent of land provided separately, would be submitted;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid provision of land has happened in accordance with the Buddhist Temporalities Act, in a transparent manner; and
 - (v) if not, of the action that would be taken in that regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, April 23, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4987/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
 - (i) centers established;
 - (ii) coordinating centers which operated for coordinating the aforesaid centers;
 - (iii) supervisors deployed in service;
 - (iv) teachers deployed; and
 - (v) hall assistants deployed;for conducting the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination held in the year 2013?
- (b) Will he table in House separately the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the hall assistants mentioned in (a)(v) above?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees who are related to the field of education and the number of employees who are not related to that field out of the aforesaid hall assistants separately; and
 - (ii) the amount paid as salaries and allowances for the hall assistants who were recruited from outside for the duties of the aforesaid examination?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to prevent the non academic employees of the education sector from losing the opportunity of obtaining an allowance due to the fact that out side persons are deployed for the duties of the examination whilst the aforesaid employees are available for it; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

5224/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of houses in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of slums and line rooms in the said district; and
 - (iii) the number of homeless families in the district?

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(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of houses in the Kurunegala District without toilets; and
- (ii) the system for providing toilets to houses that have no toilets?

(c) If not, why?

5881/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Board of Control of Cricket has been appointed for the year 2015;
- (ii) whether an election has been held for that purpose;
- (iii) if so, of the date on which the said election has been conducted; and
- (iv) of the board of members elected in that election?

(b) If not, why?

4999/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the proposal of the 2014 budget to grant incentives of Rs. 15,000/= and Rs. 5,000/= respectively to District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries and Rs. 3,000/= for Planning Directors and Chief Accountants attached to District Secretariats has been fulfilled by now; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such payments commenced?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reason for proposing an incentive of a lower value for Planning Directors and Chief Accountants attached to District Secretariats;
- (ii) whether he admits that the service of the officials mentioned in (b)(i) above has been underestimated as a result of the decision to pay a lower incentive;
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to increase their incentives;
- (iv) of the amount of such increase; and
- (v) of the date on which such an increase will be carried out?

(c) If not, why?

5225/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether money is granted by local banks for road development?
- (b) If so, will he table—
 - (i) the names of local banks which have granted money for road development projects; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money granted by each of the said banks and the road projects for which money has been granted?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the method of recovering of the money thus granted?
- (d) If not, why?

5883/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Independent Television Network is an institution that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of employees working in the Independent Television Network; and
 - (ii) whether new employees have been recruited to the aforesaid institution during the year 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

5722/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people living in the Hulandawa estate in Akuressa in the district of Matara do not even have minimum basic facilities; and
 - (ii) therefore these people face severe hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to improve the requirement of drinking water, road, housing and health facilities of the people living in the Hulandawa estate;
 - (ii) if so, how;
 - (iii) the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iv) the amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (c) If not, why?

5884/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the name and place of residence of the current Governor of the Central Bank; and
 - (ii) the person who appointed the aforesaid Governor of the Central Bank?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, April 24, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5723/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tourists who have arrived on tourist visa and have been taken into custody during the year 2014 for engaging in religious propaganda activities, various employments, businesses and anti social activities while staying illegally in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries to which they belong; and
 - (iii) separately, the offences committed by each of the aforesaid persons who were taken into custody and the penalty given to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a special course of action prepared to arrest the foreigners who have arrived on tourist visa and stay illegally in the country;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to make strict the laws and regulations that are in effect in this regard; and
 - (iii) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

5886/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Police renders an excellent service to maintain public order in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total number of officers working under the Department of Police at present;
 - (ii) whether those officers are paid a sufficient salary at present;
 - (iii) whether the salaries of the police officers would be increased; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which such salary increase will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

5754/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to clean the Bogambara prison after the inmates were removed from the prison; and
 - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid money was collected?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the purpose for which the Bogambara prison is used at present;
 - (ii) whether the ownership of that has been transferred to a private institution or an individual; and
 - (iii) if so, the name of that institution or individual along with the address and the telephone number?
- (c) If not, why?

5887/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that people had a passionate interest in watching the 2015 World Cup cricket tournament live on TV?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the name of the television channel which provided the opportunity for the people of Sri Lanka to watch the 2015 World Cup cricket tournament live; and
- (ii) the amount of money that was spent by that channel on obtaining the telecasting rights of the aforesaid tournament?

(c) If not, why?

5755/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of litres of water issued by the Water Supply and Drainage Board for the consumption of people from 2010 to 2014;
- (ii) the total number of consumers who have pipe borne water facility at present; and
- (iii) the above number as a percentage of the total population?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the people who need water facilities but do not have pipe borne water facilities at present;
- (ii) if so, the number of such people;
- (iii) whether an estimate of the number of litres of water needed by those people has been made;
- (iv) if so, the amount of water so required; and
- (v) whether sources of water sufficient to meet that requirement are available in Sri Lanka?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether a plan to purify sea water and provide them to people as drinking water, has been made; and
- (ii) if so, whether that plans would be presented?

(d) If not, why?

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of the international ports, operative in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid ports;
 - (iii) of the expenditure borne, to date, in constructing Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksha harbour;
 - (iv) of the income earned from the aforesaid harbour in the year 2014; and
 - (v) whether the aforesaid harbour, earn profits or incur losses, by now?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on suspicious or illegal transactions in the Stock Market from and after the year 2010,—

Whereas serious doubts have arisen regarding the transparency and propriety of Share Market transactions in Sri Lanka;

And whereas these it is also reported that certain individuals in high positions in Government and elsewhere have and are continuing to indulge in insider trading and similar malpractices;

And whereas these concerns are likely to have an adverse effect on the credibility of Stock Market transactions in Sri Lanka;

And whereas investor confidence in Sri Lanka will be seriously eroded if no corrective steps are taken.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to Inquire and Report—

- (a) whether any transactions in the Stock Market from and after the year 2010 are of suspicious or illegal nature;
- (b) whether there is evidence of insider trading within the Stock Market during this period;
- (c) whether there is evidence of any fraud involving Government Funds;

- (d) if so, who the individuals responsible for trading and such fraudulent activities are;
 - (e) whether there is evidence of any other malpractices in the Stock Market;
 - (f) if so, what these malpractices are;
 - (g) who the individuals responsible for the malpractices are;
 - (h) whether there is evidence of complicity by those charged with ensuring compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing Share Transactions;
 - (i) the steps and measures that are necessary to prevent such insider trading and malpractices recurring in future; and
 - (j) such other matters that the Committee in its discretion determines are relevant to their inquiry.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.